

# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/855,483

Applicant(s)

TOMASZEWSKI ET AL.

Examiner

Art Unit

2187

## All Participants:

(1) Donald Sparks.

(2) Paul Mitchel.

Status of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 23 June 2004

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

## Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

See attachment.

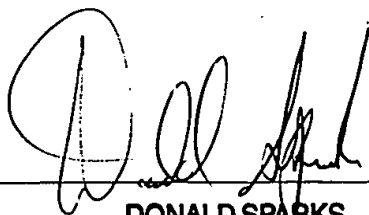
Prior art documents discussed:

## Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

## Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

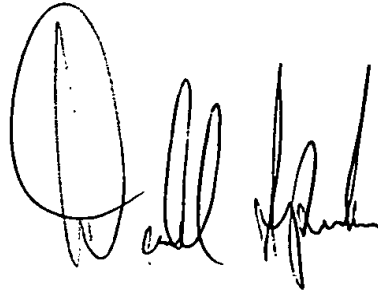


**DONALD SPARKS**  
**SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

On or about May 20, 2004, Mr. Paul Mitchell initiated a telephone interview to discuss Application No. 09/855,483. During the interview, Mr. Mitchell indicated that he had made an unsuccessful attempt to contact the examiner of the application to discuss the office action mailed March 24, 2004. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the office action dated March 24, 2004 appeared to be incomplete since the office action had failed to address claims 32-47 that were newly presented in the amendment that accompanied the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated January 27, 2004. Mr. Sparks (Supervisor to the examiner of record) indicated that he would order the application and review the contents. Mr. Sparks indicated to Mr. Mitchell that it would take some time to receive the application but indicated that as soon as the application became available for review, he would review the application and contact him at that time. On June 23, 2004, Mr. Sparks contacted Mr. Mitchell and indicated that he had reviewed that application and agreed that claims 32-47 had not been addressed by the examiner in the last office letter. Mr. Sparks informed Mr. Mitchell that the proper corrective action for such an error on the part of the office was to withdraw the previous office action dated March 24, 2004 and issue a new office action addressing all of the pending claims in the application with a period for reply restarted. Mr. Sparks indicated to Mr. Mitchell that a courtesy copy of the instant interview summary would be faxed to the applicants at Fax no. (972) 862-7438.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald Sparks', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

**DONALD SPARKS**  
**SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**